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CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTEST NOW OPEN; TIMES INVITES PHOTOGRAPHS OF ENTRANTS

WINNER TO RECEIVE HANDSOME CHARACTER COSTUME AND \$100 CASH

Prizes of \$60 and \$40 for Second and Third—Send Pictures in Early for Queen Must be Selected and Ready for Montreal Carnival in First Week of February—Contest to Close on January 27.

The Evening Times' contest for selection of St. John's most beautiful young lady, upon whom shall be bestowed the title of Miss St. John and who will be crowned the Queen of the St. John Winter Carnival, is now open.

In order to allow Miss St. John sufficient time to be costumed and reach Montreal in time for the Winter Carnival there during the first week in February—to which she has been invited—the competition will be brought to a close at noon on January 27.

Full details of the competition are not ready yet for announcement but sufficient is arranged to permit the reception of entrants in the royal competition. Photographs of those desiring to compete for the honor are invited by the CARNIVAL EDITOR, Evening Times. This coupon should be used in sending in pictures:

The Evening Times CARNIVAL QUEEN CONTEST NAME ADDRESS OCCUPATION (This coupon to be cut out on dotted line, filled in and attached to the back of the photograph.)

The Contest in Brief. The contest will be open to residents of St. John city and St. John County. The Queen of the Carnival will receive from the Evening Times as a prize a handsome costume suitable to the position she will occupy and also will receive a cash prize of \$100.

Rev. Dr. Hillis Gets Boost to \$12,000 a Year. New York, Jan. 10.—The salary of the Rev. Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn, has been raised from \$8,000 to \$12,000 a year, and the increase made retroactive to Nov. 1, 1922.

MOSHER'S CALL TO RAILWAY MEN. Every Assistance to Make Government Ownership a Success. Ottawa, Jan. 10.—(Canadian Press)—"The eyes of the world are upon us. Government ownership is on trial and as we, as an organization have advocated and supported government ownership and operation of public utilities, we are in duty bound to lend every assistance possible to make government ownership a success."

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION SENDS AGENT TO POLAND. Warsaw, Dec. 6.—(By Mail)—Representing the Rockefeller Foundation, Miss Crovill has arrived in Warsaw to investigate the nursing situation in Poland.

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VISITING CURLERS "WARMING UP" FOR THE MATCH



These stones from Scotland look very suspicious; Though perhaps they are quite all right. But it seems they contain something very delicious; Maybe porridge—or "Black and White!"

Mayor Makes Short Work Of Confiscation Talk

Tells Investment Bankers and Bond Dealers Their Activity Comes at Wrong Time—Hearing at City Hall Today—Old Cry of Injury to City's Credit Raised.

Representatives of the Investment Bankers' Association of America and of the Bond Dealers' Association of Canada appeared before the members of the City Council this morning to discuss the proposed acquisition of the City of St. John's power plant. Mayor Fisher in a short address answered the arguments of the financial people, in the course of which he laid the responsibility for the present situation at the doors of the bond dealers for not objecting to inflation in the securities issued by the N. B. Power Co. when it purchased the property of the St. John Railway Company.

Investment Bankers' Case. Mr. Hayes read the following statement: "The Investment Bankers' Association of America is composed of nearly 600 investment houses, comprising a large percentage of the reputable dealers in investment securities in the United States and many in Canada. Its members are not brokers, buying and selling on commission; they investigate securities offered, and buy for their own account, and re-sell them if they can. In taking the risk of buying, they must consider the property and earnings behind the security in question, and the character and credit of the obligor."

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "The Times has authorized me to ask you to act as final judge in the contest for the most beautiful girl in the city and county of St. John."

"I cannot go into particulars," said the reporter, "further than to say the Queen must be very lovely in face, faultless in figure, and regal in manner."

"You would certainly not be judging at county fairs," said the reporter, "but I am sure the Times would rely on your practical eye without taking up too much of your time."

"The jury," said Hiram, "is finally selected as follows: George H. Brown, A. Ernest Fleming, Joseph G. Williams, Walter L. Roberts, John Gibbs, William T. V. Jenkins, Frederick M. Keator, George W. Currie, Frank Byron, Robert Bickelstaff, Walter J. Lamb, Jr., and John F. Vanwart."

STORM WARNING ON ATLANTIC COAST. Washington, Jan. 10.—The weather bureau today issued the following storm warning: "At 10:30 a. m., northwest storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Delaware Breakwater to Provincetown, Mass., strong northwesterly winds and probably gales this afternoon."

VICTORY FOR CHURCH UNION. Montreal, Jan. 10.—Church union triumphed here yesterday after a stormy discussion at the local Presbytery. Several amendments, some of which referred continually to possible schism and separation, were defeated before the main motion was adopted by a vote of thirty-five to ten.

DIVORCES ON CREDIT ADVERTISED IN PARIS. Judgment Guaranteed Within Three Months' Time; Pay When Secured. Paris, Jan. 10.—Since Paris has become known as "the Reno of Europe" legal talent has turned its attention to obtaining divorce business. The climax was reached last week when a prominent newspaper carried the following advertisement:

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. S. S. P. S., director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Depressions are centred over the Bay of Fundy and in Alberta and pressure is relatively higher over the Upper Lakes region and in the Gulf States. Light snowfalls have been general from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and they have also occurred locally in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Forecast: Light Snow. Maritime—Fresh to strong northerly to northwesterly winds, cloudy with snow. Thursday a few light snowfalls or furies, but partly fair with stationary or a little lower temperature. Gulf and North Shore—Fair and cold today, then light snow in some localities.

New England—Fair tonight and Thursday. Colder tonight; diminishing northwest winds. Toronto, Jan. 10.—Temperatures: Stations 8 a. m. yesterday Highest lowest

Victoria 44 46 44 Kalamloops 34 36 32 Calgary 4 30 4 Edmonton 10 18 8 Prince Albert 6 6 4 Winnipeg 6 6 4 St. Ste. Marie 28 10 28 Toronto 20 32 24 Kingston 20 32 16 Ottawa 18 20 18 Montreal 18 16 16 Quebec 18 20 16 St. John, N. B. 18 30 16 Halifax 30 38 16 St. John's, Nfld. 32 32 26 Detroit 26 34 26 New York 36 40 26

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Hon. R. J. Ritchie, police magistrate, identified his signature to some depositions taken before him in the preliminary hearing. After some argument of counsel he said he had taken a declaration from the girl at the hospital. A paper had been signed on his first visit. The second trip was made in consequence of a supposed defect in a paper for Mr. Gale. The paper he received had had taken back to the hospital and the deceased had signed it and he had witnessed it.

Harding Orders U. S. Troops From Rhine

State Department Announces That President "Deemed Time Expedient for Recall of Forces Now at Coblenz."

Washington, Jan. 10.—Withdrawal of the U. S. troops from the Rhine was ordered today by President Harding. In announcing the decision the state department said that the president deemed the time expedient for the recall of the forces now at Coblenz.

The U. S. forces remaining in that area number about 1,000 men, and it was indicated that the withdrawal order would be carried out as soon as the U. S. commander, Major Gen. Allen, could make the necessary arrangements for winding up finally the affairs of the army of occupation.

Coblenz, Jan. 10.—The order for the withdrawal of the U. S. troops from the Rhine, the news of which became known through a despatch from the Associated Press office at Paris, caused much excitement as it spread among the men of the U. S. army here.

LOST PAPER FIGURES IN PARKER CASE

Magistrate Ritchie Gives Evidence of Declaration. Sharp Clashes of Counsel This Morning in Circuit Court—Jury Selected—Mother of Woman With Her in Court.

The trial of Mrs. Bessie Parker on a charge of murdering Mary Emily Frontin, was begun in the circuit court this morning before Judge Barry. There were fifty-one names on the petit jury panel and thirty-six were selected. The jury, as finally selected is as follows:

George H. Brown, A. Ernest Fleming, Joseph G. Williams, Walter L. Roberts, John Gibbs, William T. V. Jenkins, Frederick M. Keator, George W. Currie, Frank Byron, Robert Bickelstaff, Walter J. Lamb, Jr., and John F. Vanwart.

The following were peremptorily challenged by the Crown: Robert J. Carr and Blake Harris. Those who stood aside by the Crown were G. M. Barker, James H. Wilkes, A. W. Heans, H. J. Keyes, Charles A. Donald. Those challenged by the defense were: A. A. Dean, Milton W. Galloway, Francis X. Collins, John F. Bullock, Wilfred M. Barlow, Richard H. Irvine, Frank H. Hart, O. B. Akeley, Donald Allen, Frank N. Flood, Robert J. Cox and George M. Cosman.

The judge excused from duty George W. Harrington and George T. Earle. He had been shown good reason why they should be exempted. Charles H. Gibbons presented a doctor's certificate to show that he was unable to serve and Paul B. Cross was excused on the same ground.

The Crown was represented by Dr. W. B. Wallace, K.C., and E. J. Henneberry while Senator George W. Fowler, K.C., of Sussex, and E. S. Ritchie constituted the defense. This morning's hearing was marked by several sharp clashes between Dr. Wallace and Senator Fowler and in the course of one of them Dr. Wallace remarked that it would be better for Senator Fowler if he did more work in court and less in parliament at Ottawa to which the senator replied that he thought his work in court had been about as successful as Dr. Wallace's. Heated arguments between the two characterized the session.

Mr. Parker maintained a very nonchalant attitude throughout the morning. She was permitted to sit at the table with her counsel, at Mr. Fowler's request, and chattered from time to time with them. Her mother sat directly back of her and, following the selection of the jury before the case was opened her mother leaned forward and kissed her. She was dressed in a dark dress with black fur coat and seal hat.

When the jury had been selected the judge directed that the remaining petit jurors be allowed to go to return tomorrow morning at ten o'clock to see when they would next be needed.

Dr. Wallace then moved for trial and E. J. Henneberry opened the case for the Crown. Mr. Henneberry said that his purpose was merely to outline the case for the Crown without going into details except to place the salient facts clearly before the jury. He made reference to the crime of abortion, an unlawful act in itself, and when that case of murder. It was not necessary that death should ensue at once; a year and a day could elapse before death and it would still be a case of murder.

The Lost Declaration. The matter of the dying declaration which is missing occupied a prominent part in the proceedings. Hon. R. J. Ritchie swore that he had put it in his pocket along with some other papers on the night of the coroner's inquest, and that he had not seen it since. Both he and his clerk had searched long and diligently for it but had been unable to find it. Dr. Wallace attempted to prove the contents by the witnesses who had been present when it was made but Mr. Fowler maintained that this could not be done until it was proven positively that the original document could not be produced. Considerable time was taken up by argument on this point. The judge finally directed that Mr. Henderson the court clerk be cited to prove that the document had been lost, supporting the evidence of the magistrate.

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